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July 11, 2019

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: foia@americanoversight.org

Austin R. Evers
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Re: **18-cv-02842-TSC**
American Oversight v. DHS, et al.
First Interim (Supplemental) Release for DHS FOIA Request No. 2019-HQLI-00010

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is a supplemental release to our first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), received on December 18, 2018.

For this production, DHS consulted with Immigration and Customs Enforcement on three pages of responsive records. After review of those three pages, DHS has determined to withhold in part three pages, pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6).

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Mr. Bradley White, DHS FOIA Appeals and Litigation, via email at Bradley.White@hq.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley E. White".

Bradley E. White
DHS FOIA Appeals and Litigation

Enclosed: 3 pages

FYI – Tae sent this along in response to my email – (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks, again Scott . I'd just slightly edited what you sent along.

From: Venture, Veronica

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 2:03 PM

To: 'Johnson, Tae D' (b)(6) Asher, Nathalie R

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: CRCL offer to help ERO and miscellaneous items

Nathalie/Tae,

Hate to be a pest today, but there's one more thing that's just coming in as a complaint that may be easily resolved/resolvable: We are just hearing from advocates that in administering its new form on family reunification prior to removal, ICE doesn't seem to be providing effective language assistance. In particular, we've heard reports of Brazilians being given the form in Spanish without Portuguese interpretation, but if that's happening I have to wonder about the Mayan or other indigenous languages too. Portuguese telephonic interpretation is usually one of the most easy and reliable, so a problem here may indicate that the language line may not be getting used at all.

Our immediate recommendations would be to:

- *Remind* the field to use the language line as needed when administering this form;
- Make the field specifically *document* language line/interpreter use when it is administered; and/or,
- If it's going to be used beyond this initial unification period, get the form translated into more written languages and improve the currently rough Spanish translation.

I – or some staff- would be happy to discuss/ think this through with you or your staff all today, or whenever you get a moment.

Ronnie

From: Johnson, Tae D (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 1:23 PM

To: Venture, Veronica (b)(6) Asher, Nathalie R

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: CRCL offer to help ERO and miscellaneous items

Lololol. Copy that Ronnie. We will review the other points made in your email and get back to you.

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(www.blackberry.com)

From: Venture, Veronica (b)(6)
Date: Thursday, Jul 05, 2018, 1:16 PM
To: Johnson, Tae D (b)(6) Asher, Nathalie R
 (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CRCL offer to help ERO and miscellaneous items

Apologies, Tae! You are correct – I got it wrong. But we can always comment on the FRS, if you need us to do so! Lol

From: Johnson, Tae D (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Venture, Veronica (b)(6) Asher, Nathalie R
 (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CRCL offer to help ERO and miscellaneous items

Ronnie – I don't recall any comments re: FRS????? You did share with us your comments on the minimal ICE requirements for adults facilities and we decided to use the attached (previously the under 7 day requirements), which we believe CRCL pulled many of their requirements from.

From: Venture, Veronica
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Asher, Nathalie R (b)(6)
Cc: Johnson, Tae D (b)(6)
Subject: CRCL offer to help ERO and miscellaneous items

Hi Nathalie,

I hope you had a good 4th holiday and actually got to take the day off. I know you're in the midst of multi-tasking at the moment, so rather than arranging another call, I'd figure it's easier to email you. As you may recall from our conversation last Friday, I made the offer of CRCL personnel resources to help ICE (and HHS) in any way we can in the family separation arena. The staff has come up with one immediate way in which we believe we can be helpful to you. We understand that staff at the HHS operations center are working extraordinary hours to review files and otherwise ensure compliance with the current court order on family communication and unification, and I can offer CRCL staff to assist in that effort, if that would be valuable. We have staff with substantial experience reading A-files, for example, who could sort through apprehension records if that remains a major project. I would be happy to make CRCL staff available to assist with other logistical and operational issues in this area if that would help to address any of the current resource scarcity.

As we'd also discussed briefly on Friday, CRCL can also help coordinate on cases involving particularly vulnerable populations, such as the detention of children with disabilities. One thought was to create a Vulnerable Populations Working Group where SMEs from ICE, CBP, CRCL and ORR could arrange ad hoc calls as needed to identify appropriate accommodations and address other placement or resource issues. CRCL's not

fully aware of what's being done in this area, and as I'd mention to you, while I know it's primarily a CBP issue, we did get some allegations about children with disabilities being separated from their parents without proper care being in place to take care of them.

Also, we talked about my getting a copy of the implementation plan for reunification of the families previously separated, when that has been finalized/signed off on by the front office. So, if you can pass that along when you get a moment, that would be extremely helpful. Finally, we did talk about getting at least a paragraph or so on Andrew's efforts with his trauma team, to more better understand what it is he is doing in that regard.

One follow up item: as you recall, at your and Tae's request, I'd previously sent over comments regarding the updating of the Family Residential Standards. I was wondering what were the results of that review – is there a way I can see the final document (if there is one), particularly to see if our comments were helpful you ICE and/or DOJ? I'd be happy to discuss any questions you may have had about our comments, or the way forward on that issue. I'd also be happy to have staff work with others at ICE to further develop the standards.

Thanks, again for taking the time to get me up to speed last week. Again, just let me know of any way we at CRCL can lend a hand to ICE in navigating these fast moving issues.

Regards,
Ronnie

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**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

July 31, 2019

Joseph Yenouskas
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RE: American Oversight v. U.S. DHS, et al., 1:18-cv-02842-CKK
ICE FOIA Case Number 2019-ICLI-00008
Final Release

Dear Mr. Yenouskas:

This letter is the final response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted by your client, American Oversight, to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), dated December 04, 2018. The request sought all email communications between Thomas Homan, Thomas Blank, or John Feere, and any of the individuals/organizations specified. ICE has considered your request under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A search of Mr. Homan's, Mr. Blank's, and Mr. Feere's records was conducted. For this final production, ICE reviewed and consulted with other agencies on six (6) pages of responsive records. These documents have been Bates numbered 2019-ICLI-00008 304 through 2019-ICLI-00008 309. ICE also received seven (7) referral pages of potentially responsive records from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). These 7 pages were deemed nonresponsive and are not included in this release.

ICE has applied FOIA Exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) to portions of the 6 pages as described below.

ICE has applied FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C) to protect from disclosure the names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of DHS employees and third parties contained within the documents.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

FOIA Exemption 7(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into this determination.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott L. Sroka at (202) 252-7113 or Scott.Sroka@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Toni Fuentes for

Catrina M. Pavlik-Keenan
FOIA Officer

Enclosure(s): 6 page(s)

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From: (b)(6) EOP/WHO
Sent: 11 May 2018 23:52:28 +0000
To: Marguerite Telford
Cc: (b)(6) EOP/WHO; (b)(6) EOP/WHO; Feere, Jon
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] response to Kelly's comments on illegal immigrants assimilating
Attachments: Re: [EXTERNAL] response to Kelly's comments on illegal immigrants assimilating.eml

From:

(b)(6) on behalf
of (b)(6) EOP/WHO

Sent: Fri, 11 May 2018 23:52:28 +0000**To:** Marguerite Telford**Cc:** (b)(6) EOP/WHO; (b)(6) EOP/WHO; Feere, Jon**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] response to Kelly's comments on illegal immigrants
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assimilating**Importance:** Normal**Sender:** (b)(6)**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] response to Kelly's comments on illegal immigrants assimilating**Message-Id:** (b)(6)**Recipient:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6) EOP/WHO
Sent: Fri, 11 May 2018 23:51:51 +0000
To: Marguerite Telford
Cc: (b)(6) EOP/WHO; (b)(6) EOP/WHO; Feere, Jon
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] response to Kelly's comments on illegal immigrants assimilating

Thanks for the defense!

(b)(6)
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Legislative Affairs
The White House

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

On May 11, 2018, at 6:28 PM, Marguerite Telford <mrt@cis.org> wrote:

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/john-kelly-illegal-immigration-comments-not-racist/>

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From: Wuco, Frank
Sent: 23 Aug 2017 17:00:17 +0000

To: (b)(6) (b)(6)
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Cc: Gonzalez, Barbara M;Johnson, Liz;Feere, Jon
Subject: RE: OPEDs in the Illinois Review on Governor Rauner's willingness to sign instead of VETO SB 31 Sanctuary Law in the entire State of Illinois

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My prayers for your continued healing (b)(6)

Thank you all for your awareness and unrelenting passion for this issue, which all of us at DHS know comes at the highest of prices. God bless each of you.

Our Public Affairs staff and VOICE Office are aware of this timely development and are working an appropriate communications and approach plan and we deeply appreciate your initiative.

Kindest regards,

Frank Wuco

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:43 PM

To: (b)(6)

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Cc: Wuco, Frank (b)(6) Gonzalez, Barbara M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: OPEDs in the Illinois Review on Governor Rauner's willingness to sign instead of VETO SB 31 Sanctuary Law in the entire State of Illinois

I don't know any execs at Breitbart but I do know (b)(6) and a couple of other editors.

Frank, I don't know you, (b)(6) because of sanctuary city policies I hope you can help us.

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:26 AM

To: (b)(6)

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Cc: (b)(6) Gonzalez, Barbara M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: OPEDs in the Illinois Review on Governor Rauner's willingness to sign instead of VETO SB 31 Sanctuary Law in the entire State of Illinois

Importance: High

All,

I am asking Frank Wuco, Senior White House Advisor(VOICE) if he can get some help from General Kelly, his old Boss or the President himself on this issue of a Republican Governor encouraging the State to be a Sanctuary by not **VETOING** SB 31!

I would also like to get this out to Brietbart, I'm sure they will see the danger and overwhelming costs to implement this program.

Main stream media in Illinois have avoided the consequences (public safety, costs in a State that is broke financially, and the ineffectiveness of the Bill with the current Administration that will not honor these "safe zones."

It only worked when Obama was President and Holder was AG. When the Obama appointed Judges are eventually removed from Cook County, and the Laws are enforced, the safe zones will be a moot point!

Please read all of the links below that we have individually bombarded the Governor's Staff with the help of **Editor (b)(6) of Illinois Review!**

Regards,

(b)(6)

Immigration Reform Activist
Catlin, Illinois

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:05 AM

To: 'Gonzalez, Barbara M' (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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Subject: OPEDs in the Illinois Review on Governor Rauner's willingness to sign instead of VETO SB 31 Sanctuary Law in the entire State of Illinois

Frank and Barbara,

This one was about public safety concerns and Sanctuaries:

<http://illinoisreview.typepad.com/illinoisreview/2017/08/op-ed-protecting-criminals-in-urbana-and-chicago-endangers-all-of-us.html>

This is about the hidden costs of Sanctuaries, the 'Church Lady' and their kind in Chicago! The assets to protect them would be money Illinois doesn't have. They are broke!

<http://illinoisreview.typepad.com/illinoisreview/2017/08/op-ed-governor-rauner-do-we-have-the-tax-dollars-available-to-implement-the-sanctuary-bill.html>

Finally, the reminder mime that we hope gets the Governor's attention:

<http://illinoisreview.typepad.com/illinoisreview/2017/08/victims-families-continue-to-call-on-governor-to-veto-sanctuary-bill-they-still-have-not-heard-from-.html>

Four (4) of us Illinois men who have lost family members to illegals, (b)(6) and Myself have repeatedly asked Governor Rauner's Staff for an face to face to look at the victims side of this issue.

The Left are pushing it without the full information and consequences given to the "average Joe" in Illinois.

Mainstream news in Illinois will not discuss the horrors of protecting this illegal "focus group"!

Frank, if you have any connections with the HLS and President's Staff, we could use some help to get this Republican Governor to VETO this Bill!

ICE has the authority to override it anyway, Obama is gone, they have no more protection, and when the Judges are replaced the Sanctuary "safe zones" will be a moot point!

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

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